

My friends, say the first, don't you observe what Martin and his men are about? Don't you see that all this is intended to make you and us pay for the r music, as we were formerly obliged to do? If this matter goes forward, we shall entirely lose our own music, and be in as bad a plight as ever. His advice goes down pretty well, for it is an easy matter to persuade people to what they are ready to apprehend. But then come the others, and tell them they will be utterly ruined unless they agree to it; for, say they, very wisely, there must be one kind of music established above the rest, and as in the nature of things it cannot be yours, it must be either John's or ours. You know John and his men will use you like dogs, whereas we shall be as kind to you as you could wish. Do, my good friends, give us your voices, you know how indulgent we have formerly been to you, when you were in our power. This spoils all; for they remember too well what is past to trust them again if they can avoid it. Upon the whole, John's men and Peter's are absolutely against it,